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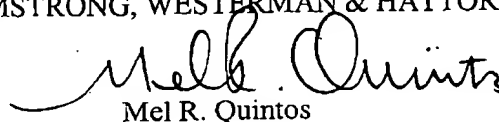
Dear Examiner IP,

Pursuant to our telephone discussion today, our proposed amendments to claims 25 and 30 are as follows:

* * * composed of [one or more structures] at least two microstructures selected from the group consisting of ferrite, pearlite, bainite and martensite * * *.

I look forward to our scheduled telephone conference tomorrow (July 29th) at 9:00 a.m. Thank you.

Very truly yours,
ARMSTRONG, WESTERMAN & HATTORI, LLP


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